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Ministries of ICT and  
Regulators in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Subject: Cross-border frequency coordination: Harmonized Calculation Method (HCM) for Africa**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you of the commencement of the second phase of the cross border frequency coordination project on Harmonized Calculation Method (HCM) for Africa. The aim is to prepare a multilateral agreement including a harmonized calculation method, characterized by transparency and accuracy which can be accepted by all the participating countries.

As you may recall, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) experts contacted your administration during the first phase and compiled information related to cross border frequency coordination in your country through a questionnaire. In order to do so, you were requested to indicate a focal point dealing with spectrum management matters. The focal point had the responsibility to exchange information with the ITU experts and provide clarifications on the subject whenever the need arises.

In order to ensure continuity between the phase one (assessment) and phase two (preparation of a multilateral agreement), the team of ITU experts have been retained to coordinate comments from the various Administrations on a draft Framework Agreement. The experts are: Mr. Shola TAYLOR, senior international expert in charge of coordination; Mr. Jean Ahmed BOREAU, regional expert for West Africa; Mr. Andrew KISAKA, regional expert for East Africa; Mr. Hilaire MBEGA, regional expert for Central Africa; and Mr. Carlos Alberto ALAIS, regional expert for Southern Africa.

Consequently, I would like to encourage you to maintain the same focal points to provide inputs to the Draft Framework Agreement that will be sent to them by the regional Experts. In the event that you wish to appoint a new focal point, kindly send the relevant contacts to the HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator.

This activity is undertaken under the aegis of the HIPSSA project which is a joint project between the ITU and the European Commission and is part of a global initiative covering Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific Group of States (ACP). For more information, please visit:

[http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU\\_EC\\_ACP/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU_EC_ACP/)

Should your services require additional information on the development of this new activity, they may contact Ms. Ida Jallow, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator (E-mail: [ida.jallow@itu.int](mailto:ida.jallow@itu.int), Tel.: +251 (11) 551 49 77).

I take this opportunity to thank you for your active contributions, which have been fundamental to the success of the project and look forward to continuing our collaboration over the duration of this project and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

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